



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 1st November 2020

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TODAY at 10.30am – Worship Together via Zoom

Folk will need pencil, paper, pens and artistic flair this week!

ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>
Tel. 0131 460 1196 with meeting ID: 86939887756#

A note from our Minister

The arrival of November brings us into a busy time of year, starting with lots of remembering and ending with the start of Advent ... and we know where that leads!

Today is All Saints' Day when we remember the faithful who are now with God. In our worship this morning we will celebrate those who have helped us on our own journey of faith, thanking God for them and the encouragement and edification we have received through them.

Whether you are out 'guising' or enjoying the warmth of a bonfire or viewing fireworks at a (safe) distance there is a lot going on, despite the darkening nights and Autumnal weather.

This week we will celebrate Communion Together on Thursday 5th, remembering Jesus and what He has done for us by giving Himself on the Cross. We share bread and wine together in faith, asking God to meet with us and spiritually feed us through the Holy Spirit as we remember Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords, and our Infinite, Eternal Friend - as real today as He was two thousand years ago!

If you are unable to join us 'virtually' or by telephone on Thursday, please join us in spirit ...

Use the sheet which came with this CFN to guide your thoughts and share bread and wine at 7.30pm. We will be united in Christ across the isolation and distancing and, I pray, we will be strengthened in faith and love and hope as we focus on Him.

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

pm Today

Our Churches will be visited by those who wish to remember loved ones they see no longer.

PRAY that those who have booked to come along will find comfort in God's presence.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK –

Almighty God,
we thank You for those who have gone before us;
for the faithfulness and love they demonstrated,
for the encouragement they gave to others,
for their endurance and perseverance through suffering.
Thank You for those who helped us along the journey of faith.
Thank You that they now have the reward of eternal life,
living with You in Glory in the Kingdom of Light.

PRAYER THEME – Remember those who have encouraged you and give thanks to God.

THURSDAY 5th – 7pm Holy Communion via Zoom (watch for link details) (see sheet attached)

Next Sunday:

10.30am – Worship Together via Zoom including Act of Remembrance

1pm – Wreath-Laying and Act of Remembrance in Dunscore Church (all spaces taken already)

3pm – Wreath-laying, Act of Remembrance, Prayer and Reflection in St Ninian's Church
(numbers limited, check with Nan Tait (200403) a.s.a.p.)

Worship as Lockdown continues ...

** With the restrictions on the use of our buildings we mainly use the internet:

Zoom video-conferencing for our main Sunday worship (also by telephone!)

YouTube for recordings of the Sunday Worship and other resources

Facebook posts for ongoing encouragement and information

Email for general contact and updates

- but ... we are aware that some of you are not connected to such things.

Your Elder will ensure that you get a copy of the CFN each week and these include the hymns, a few thoughts on the reading for Sunday Worship, and other ideas to enable you to join in the ongoing worship, prayer and study life of the congregations as you are able.

PRAYER & REFLECTION ... 3pm on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Quiet time in church (with face-masks, social distancing, no singing) for half an hour.

A chance to simply meet with God in a place of Prayer and Worship.

TOGETHER AT HOME ... 7pm Sunday & Thursday

Join in prayer, thought and reflection. Use the weekly prayer and theme from CFNs.

Light a candle. Look at pictures of friends/family/congregation. Listen to restful music.

As we pray in the name of Jesus the Holy Spirit will unite us across the distancing.

A Meditation for November - <https://youtu.be/ih8KvvPgpo4>

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal: The Christian charity which collects boxes filled with presents for Christmas and a Christian message to children of all ages in various countries where there is great need, is still operating, despite Covid 19. You can either fill a box yourself, instructions on the website as below, and drop it off at the **Church Car Park on Thursday 12th November between 10 – 11.30am** after which they will be taken to Pagan's Funeral Directors, 102 Annan Rd, Dumfries **or** take them in yourself in office hours between **9-13th & 16th November** **or** go on-line to fill and pay for one. For more information go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

The Post Office has returned to the Glenriddell Hall and is now open at the following times:

Monday 11.00 – 12.30

Wednesday 12.30 – 1.30

Friday 11.45 – 1.45

Only one customer at a time and face coverings need to be worn.

Connect Discussion Group - The Discussion group is taking a short break. We will be joining in with the Communion on Thursday evening 5th November and then continuing with a study of the Old Testament and an Advent course to take us up to Christmas from Thursday 12th November. If you would like to join in please contact Tim Harmer- timharmer95@gmail.com

Eco Snippets - Freshen the air in your house regularly. Another way to improve indoor air pollution is to "air out" your house on a regular basis. Even if you just open your windows/doors for a little bit each day you help to get fresh air circulating through your home. Not only will it help you feel better, but it helps get rid of any "stale" odors that often linger.

Dunscore Digest: There will be a winter edition of the Digest coming out soon. Please could you send anything for inclusion to Matthew at auchenage@gmail.com by **next Sunday 8 November.**

Notes for inclusion in November's CFNs to John Drabble by Friday midday please at jdrabble@btopenworld.com or Tel. 820480.

Overleaf are hymns for Sunday and order of service for Communion on Thursday 5th November.

Hymn 738

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 He whose word cannot be broken
 formed thee for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake they sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal Love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters,
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 ever will their thirst assuage –
 Grace which, like the Lord the Giver,
 never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city
 I, through Grace, a member am,
 let the world deride or pity,
 I will glory in Thy Name.
 Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
 and all boasted pomp and show;
 solid joys and lasting treasure
 none but Zion's children know.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Activity – *Saints we know ...*

Song

Thank You, Lord, for all Your saints, {x3
 Right where we are.

*Alleluia, praise the Lord {x3
 Right where we are.*

Thank You, Lord, for ... , {x3
 Right where we are. *Alleluia ...*

Prayers & Lord's Prayer**Hymn 159**

Lord, for the years
 Your Love has kept and guided,
 urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
 sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,
 the Word of Life which fires us,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
 Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
 spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
 for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world;
 when we disown and doubt Him,
 loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
 hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him,
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
 self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
 past put behind us, for the future take us,
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Revelation 7:9-end**Notes:**

Saints are ordinary people ...
 ... who believe in Jesus, the Lamb of God
 ... who follow His Way in this life
 Saints are part of something special ...
 ... God's Eternal Kingdom

Hymn 739

The Church's one foundation
 is Jesus Christ her Lord:
 she is His new creation
 by water and the Word;
 from heaven He came and sought her
 to be His holy bride;
 with His own Blood He bought her,
 and for her life He died.

Called forth from every nation,
 yet one o'er all the earth,
 her charter of salvation:
 one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One Holy Name she blesses,
 and shares one holy food,
 as to one hope she presses,
 with every grace endued.

In toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace for evermore,
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great Church victorious
 shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystical communion
 with those whose rest is won.
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with Thee.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

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HOLY COMMUNION

*Please have bread and a cup of 'wine' ready.
We will share these,
across the isolation and distancing,
through the Holy Spirit, at 7.30pm.
Use the hymns and readings to guide your thoughts
and prayers as we prepare to remember Jesus together
this evening.*

Hymn 392

When I survey the wondrous Cross,
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His Blood.

See! from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

John 15:1-17 – At The Last Supper

Notes:

Jesus is the vine
– source of life for the branches
God the Father is the gardener
- tending and pruning to get fruit
You are chosen and appointed ...
... to bear good fruit
Jesus' command is simple:
"Love each other"

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Hymn 399

My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne,
salvation to bestow:
but people scorned, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for His death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst Him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
my dear Lord done away;
a murderer they save,
the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He to suffering goes,
that He His foes from thence might free.

In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heaven was His home:
but mine the tomb wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing:
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like Thine!
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days would gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (c1624-1683)

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Communion. *The Lord's Supper*

"The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

'This is my Body, which is for you;
do this in remembrance of Me.'

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying,

'This Cup
is the new covenant in my Blood;
do this, whenever you drink it,
in remembrance of Me.'

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

1Corinthians 11:23b-26

We come together in faith.
Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for you,
and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

Break and share bread, share the cup.

Song 189

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found –
we stand on Holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the Glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with Holy Fire,
with splendour He is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of Light!
Be still,
for the Glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the Power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His Grace:
no work too hard for Him –
in faith receive from Him.
Be still,
for the Power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J.Evans (b.1957)

Prayer of Response

Almighty God,
we thank You for feeding us
with the Body and Blood
of Your Son Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer You
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the Power of the Holy Spirit
to live and work
to Your praise and glory.

Amen.

Hymn 646

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with Him His servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear His Word:
He claims our minds, to search His ways;
He claims our lips, to speak His truth;
He claims our hearts, to sing His praise.

We are His Church, He makes us one:
here is one hearth, for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn (b.1919)

Prayer of Blessing

Closing Greeting

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the Name of Christ. Amen.